

Imaginary Story of a War with Japan.

The Relative Strength of the American and Japanese Navies Thus Compared by a Naval Expert.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

War with Japan has been declared. Throughout the land the scream of the American eagle...

against the Japanese. It was announced, just before departure, the town of Sitka, Alaska, was captured...

It is well known in naval circles that it requires ten times the force to take a place than it does to defend it. This had been the experience of the Japanese in Hawaii...

The American fleet had started from San Francisco two days before the Japanese left the harbor of Honolulu, and one fair morning the opposing fleet sighted each other...

Opposed to the Japanese squadron, Rear Admiral Miller had under his command the battle-ships Iowa, Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts...

When Admiral Miller sighted the Japanese squadron and saw their formation, he signaled his ships to make a right oblique turn...

Preparations were now made for giving battle to the Japanese fleet. Stores were taken aboard, the supply of powder and projectiles was increased...

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DELIVERING A BROADSIDE. The commanding officer of the Iowa, directing the movement of his ship from the conning tower...

Seeing the destruction caused by the Iowa, the American torpedo-boat Porter, under cover of the Fujis' confusion, darted forward to plant a torpedo against the damaged battle-ship...

It was not long before the Massachusetts had 10,288 tons to her credit, while the Japs of four 12-inch guns in turret of compound armor 12 inches thick...

Long before this attempt at tactical formation had been abandoned, and the ships were left to engage their neighboring enemies or to succor their wounded companions.

By a shrewd manoeuvre Rear Admiral Miller had got his protected cruisers Matsushima, Itsumikuma, Hashidate, Yoshino, Naniwa and Takachiho...

On her upper deck, two on each broadside. In addition, she carried a secondary battery of six 4-inch rapid-fire guns, twenty 6-pounder and six 1-pounder quick-firers...

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